GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST COUNTRY STATUS TO PAK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have urged the US Government to declare Pakistan a terrorist State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to mount pressure on U.S. and other countries to declare Pakistan a terrorist State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) & (b)Government believes that Pakistan displays all the characteristics of a state sponsor of terrorism. It has consistently conveyed this assessment to the international community, including the United States. It is for the United States Government to consider whether Pakistan meets the criteria for designation as a state sponsor of terrorism under United States laws.

(c) Government uses every opportunity to apprise the international community of Pakistan`s continuing sponsorship of cross-border terrorism against India and Government`s firm resolve to use all appropriate means to defeat it.